

Phase-III of AIDS control

493. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National AIDS Control Organisation is introducing new schemes under AIDS Control Phase-III;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes being introduced;

(c) the total amount earmarked for the schemes;

(d) whether NGOs are proposed to be part of these schemes; and

(e) if so, the details of measures to monitor the activities and financial spending on the targeted areas by such organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There are some new schemes being introduced under National AIDS Control Programme Phase-III such as for example, Link Workers Scheme in high prevalent districts, establishment of Metro Blood Banks, Plasma Fractionation Units, Blood Storage Centres at selected CHCs in collaboration with the National Rural Health Mission and nutritional supplementation to children on anti-retroviral treatment, mainstreaming of HIV in all Government Departments, Civil Societies Organisations, and the private sector decentralization of Program implementation to district level etc.

(c) For the NACP-III program and various schemes mentioned above, it is proposed to spend about Rs. 6800 crore from the budget over a five year period. For some of the schemes mentioned above, the amount earmarked are as under:

Link worker Scheme is estimated to cost Rs. 545 crores, Metro Blood Banks—Rs. 240 crores, Plasma Fractionation Units — Rs. 35 crores, Blood Storage Units — Rs. 42 crores, Nutrition Support is Rs. 3 crores etc.

(d) The NGOs are being involved for carrying out various activities under Targeted Interventions, Community Care Centres, Drop in Centres and PPTCT centres.

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(e) State AIDS Control Societies (SACS) monitor performance, use of funds and achievement of targets. The NGOs are required to submit monthly, half yearly and annual reports of physical and financial targets. In 200 districts, District AIDS Control Units are also being established in order to closely supervise the implementation of all activities and programmes.

Deafness among the children

494. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has decided to address the menace of deafness in the country where 25,000 children are born deaf every year and has launched its first national programme for prevention and control of the ailment;

(b) whether his Ministry plans to train one ENT surgeon or just two doctors in a public and private hospital of each district under the programme;

(c) whether the ENT department would also be started in every district hospital coming under the pilot phase; and

(d) if so, the names of the States and district that would be covered under this scheme during 2007?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched the Pilot Phase of National Programme for Prevention and Control of deafness in 25 Districts of 10 States/1 UT with the objective to prevent deafness among children. The stress would be on preventive strategies for major causes of deafness and early identification of hearing impairment cases so that appropriate action is initiated for their management.

(b) Under the programme, there is provision for sensitization training of ENT Surgeons and Audiologists at the identified State Medical College and skill based training of ENT surgeons and audiologists in the identified District hospitals.